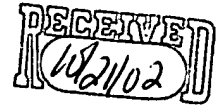


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Filed : August 1, 2000 Examiner : Nolan
For : ***SPEECH SYNTHESIS USING MULTI-MODE CODING WITH A
SPEECH SEGMENT DICTIONARY (as amended)***



RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
(37 C.F.R. § 1.121)

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Sir:

This is a Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 16, 2002, the one month period for response set to expire on November 16, 2002. Accordingly, no Petition or Fee for Extension of time are believed due.

CLEAN VERSION OF REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS

In the Notice, the Examiner has indicated that a clean version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) are required under 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii). Enclosed herewith are seven pages, with the required clean version of the replacement paragraphs. Also enclosed herewith are seven pages with mark-up versions of the replacement paragraphs, under 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b)(1)(iii).

Applicants respectfully submit that this communication is fully responsive to the Office Action dated April 25, 2002 and the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment dated October 16, 2002, and that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance is requested. If a conference would assist in placing this application in better

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condition for allowance, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone call at the number indicated.

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